

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks. Claims 1 and 3-7 are in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to claim 3. Applicant has amended claim 3 to change "in" to "are" as suggested by the Examiner.

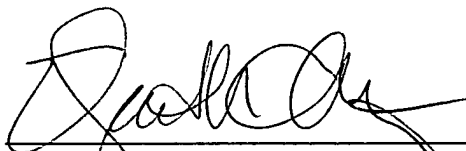
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Manner et al. The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Manner et al. In view of Sakuri et al. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Manner et al. in view of van Boekel et al. The Examiner stated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claim 2, now canceled. Applicant submits that claims 1 and 3-7

are patentable over the cited references, taken singly or in combination. Early allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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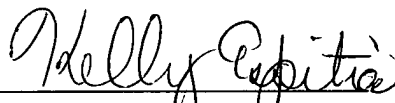


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